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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: C. Rapp |
| NOBUAKI OGUSHI, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2121 |
| Application. No.: 09/988,572 |) | |
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| For: REMOTE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM) | | December 14, 2001 |

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Each of the listed documents was cited in Application No. 08/902,160, the parent application of this divisional application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted by Applicants, or cited by the Examiner, in the parent application. However, if copies are not readily available to the Examiner, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative to request them.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject divisional application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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